

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application;

1. - 16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) A plate recording medium comprising:

an update data recording region ~~for recording~~ having recorded therein update data for updating data stored in a ~~data rewriting~~ nonvolatile memory of a portable digital operating apparatus, wherein the plate recording medium is removably installed in the portable digital operating apparatus;

a program data recording region ~~for recording~~ having recorded therein program loading data for use in transferring the update data from the plate recording medium to the ~~data rewriting~~ nonvolatile memory of the portable digital operating apparatus; and

a discrimination data recording region ~~for recording~~ having recorded therein discrimination data ~~indicative of recording of the update data and the program data~~ for reading by the portable digital operating apparatus to determine whether the plate recording medium has the program loading data recorded thereon.

18. (Currently Amended) The plate recording medium of claim 17, further comprising:

a first position recording region for recording first

position data indicating a position of the update data recorded in the plate recording medium.

19. (Currently Amended) The plate recording medium of claim 17, further comprising:

a second position recording region for recording second position data indicating a position of the program data recorded in the plate recording medium.

20. (Currently Amended) The plate recording medium of claim 18, further comprising:

a management data recording region ~~for recording~~ having recorded therein management data for managing the data recorded in the plate recording medium, separate from the first position recording region in which the first position data is recorded.